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UM COURSE EXPLORES WILDERNESS ISSUES

MISSOULA--

Going on a two-week backpack trip may be an unusual way to begin a university course, but since the class is about wilderness issues and management, it is a fitting and challenging start.

This fall 36 University of Montana students and their professors will swing on their packs and trek into some of the 5 million acres of northern Rocky Mountain wilderness. After returning to the UM campus, they will concentrate on the regular nine weeks of college classes.

The program, titled "Wilderness and Civilization," has been an annual offering through the UM Wilderness Institute since 1974. Its purpose is to provide students opportunities to study wildlands and their relationship to contemporary American society.

Applications for the program will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis through early September.

The backpack trip presents an opportunity for students and faculty to share a common wilderness experience and learn firsthand of major wilderness problems. Students keep a journal through the trip and the following academic quarter and complete independent projects that have practical applications to wilderness.

Students earn 17 academic credits through the program, taking five separate courses among the sciences and humanities. The group meets together weekly to share thoughts and listen to guest lecturers. On their own students also hike,

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enjoy frequent social gatherings or take other field trips and attend legislative and administrative hearings on wilderness issues.

Costs for the program include regular UM registration fees and a \$15 fee for transportation. Participants must provide their own backpacking equipment and food for the wilderness trek.

Course listings, reading requirements and equipment lists are available on request. For more information and application forms, write to the Wilderness Institute, School of Forestry, University of Montana, Missoula, MT, 59812, or call (406) 243-5361.

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